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2. As of mid-July 1957, the Research Council (Forschungsrat) of the Academy was formed, to work directly under the Presidium of the Academy, and act as advisory group to the Council of Ministers. Dr. Hans Fruehauf was head of the Research Council, which was made up of 30 Academy members and 14 Ministers, Deputy Ministers, and State Secretaries. Dr. Hans Wittbrodt was head of the Scientific Secretariat (Wissenschaftliches Sekretariat); however, since January 1958, this post has been abolished, and a Secretary General, Dr. Günter Rienäcker, has been appointed.
3. At the same time as the Research Council of the Academy was formed, the Central Office of Research and Technology (Zentralamt fuer Forschung und Technik - ZAFT) of the State Planning Commission was disbanded, and the Research Council of the German Democratic Republic (Forschungsrat der DDR) was formed. The president of this Research Council is Dr. Peter-Adolph Thiessen.
4. Finances and Material Supplies
  - a. In 1957, the Academy received 35 million DME for budget and 12 million DME for investments. In 1958, these amounts are to be increased to 40 million DME and 15 million DME respectively. The salaries of the scientists and their collaborators are paid out of the budget. Out of the investments funds

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for 1958, the Class for Mathematics, Physics, and Technology is to receive 12 million DME budget and 6 million DME investment; 3 million DME of the investments funds are for the Astro-physikalisches Observatorium, Potsdam; 2 million DME for the construction of a new building at the Institut fuer Festkoerperforschung (Institute of Solid Body Research), and the balance equally divided between the Institut fuer Optik und Spektroskopie and the Institut fuer Kernphysik (Institute of Nuclear Physics) Miersdorf.

- b. The Institute directors propose research themes, with plans for the necessary funds. This information is processed by a Coordinating Commission, and according to the position taken by this Commission, the project is submitted for approval to the appropriate Academy Class (Klasse - major division according to subject). The Planning Department is the central authority within the Academy on planning and disbursement. This department directs the research plans with the estimates of required funds to the Central Office of Research and Technology in the State Planning Commission for further confirmation.
- c. In 1957, 300,000 DME were allocated to the entire Academy for the purchase of equipment from the West. The procurement of scientific apparatus is a very difficult task. East German materials do not, in general, come up to the required standards. The Academy Institutes have modern equipment. However, the East German situation is better than that in Poland, although not as good as that in Czechoslovakia, where more equipment is available.

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5. Cooperation with Foreign Countries

a. Soviet Bloc:

- (1). The Bureau for Foreign Relations (Buero fuer auslaendische Beziehungen) handles agreements on established mutual themes between the German Academy of Sciences and the appropriate institutions in other countries of the Soviet Bloc. These agreements are then concluded by the respective Academy Presidents.
- (2). Agreements were signed in 1957 with the scientific academies in Prague, Warsaw, and Communist China. China intends to send a group of physicists to work in the German Academy Institutes.
- (3). The East German scientists regard with suspicion these cooperative agreements with other People's Democracies. The East Germans are not informed of the status of scientific research in the other countries. The East Germans are willing to make contacts with scientists from the other countries, but not to surrender the results of their research. This same attitude holds true insofar as a cooperative agreement with the Soviet Union is concerned, which is allegedly to be concluded in 1958.

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6. Operations of the Academy

- a. Theme Planning. The planning of themes for the Institutes and Research Offices of the Academy is the responsibility of a Theme Coordinating Commission. In this Commission, not only the Academy themes are discussed and accepted, but also research themes of universities and Hochschulen are discussed and coordinated. The Commission includes three main divisions (Klasse):

1. Mathematics, Physics, and Technology
2. Chemistry, Geology, and Biology
3. Medicine.

Prof. Dr. Robert Rompe is head of the first Klasse; in his group of advisors are Institute directors, professional men from industry, and government officials, that is to say, representatives of the State Planning Commission. Dr. Matthias Falter, scientific director of the VEB Werk fuer Bauelemente der Nachrichtentechnik "Carl von Ossietzky", Berlin-Teltow, is one of the industrial advisors. Government officials include representatives from the Office of Weights and Measures (Amt fuer Masse und Gewichte) and Office for Research and Technology (Amt fuer Forschung und Technik).

- b. Publications. No classified documents are prepared by the Academy and all research results in the natural sciences are published. For each major division (Klasse) of the Academy there is a responsible functionary who makes material available for publication.

c. Conferences and Meetings.

- (1). Meetings of the Plenum of the Academy take place every two months, at the Otto-Muschke-Strasse address. They usually begin at three o'clock in the afternoon and last for two hours. Of the 80 members, approximately 60 usually attend the meetings.

Preparations for these meetings are the responsibility of the Office of the Presidium of the Academy.

- (2). Division meetings (Sitzungen der Klassen) take place every two weeks, with about 80 or 90 percent of the members present.

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